Demand put and carried.

10. Public Works—Mechanical-T. A.—Rs. 780.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant of Rs. 780 under Public Works—Mechanical T. A. The travelling allowance allotment for 1106 under Mechanical was Rs. 3,500. It was not found sufficient for paying all the bills relating to that year. Bills for a total amount of Rs. 569—12—0 were not paid for want of allotment. In 1107 the allotment sanctioned by the Government was only Rs. 2,500. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 1,500 was applied for; but the Government sanctioned only Rs. 780. It will be seen that this amount of Rs. 780 is the irreducible minimum. It will be necessary for payment of arrear bills of last year and for the bills that may be coming in during the current year. I pray that this allotment may be sanctioned.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—One word by way of explanation. Was this Rs. 3,500 allotted fully exhausted in the year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—So this Rs. 599—8—0 is in excess after exhausting Rs.3,500.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

President.—The question before the House is that a supplementary grant of Rs. 780 under Public Works—Mechanical —T. A. be voted by the House.

Demand put and carried.

Bill to amend the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I rise to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation be read in Council.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I beg to second it.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Neither the existing Regulation nor the rules framed thereunder make any provision for an appeal to the Diwan against the decision of the District Magistrate. Although it empowers the Diwan to frame rules for the guidance of the District Magistrate and the Boiler Inspector he has no power to revise the order of the District Magistrate. To remove this anomaly and to provide for such a contingency an amendment of the Regulation is found necessary. Hence the present legislation.

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council.—The title of the bill is a Bill to amend the Cochin Steam Boilers and Prime Movers Regulation.

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